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### **Sportsman Representative Needed for Southeast Regional Wildlife Advisory Council**

#### **You can make a difference**

You can make a difference in how wildlife is managed in Utah. A recent resignation has created a vacancy on the Regional Wildlife Advisory Council (RAC) in southeast Utah. Nominations for a replacement candidate will be accepted from April 7-April 16, 2010.

#### **Organization Sponsorship**

To fill this vacancy, a nominee must live in southeastern Utah. He or she must be sponsored by a sportsman organization. This may include either a fishing or hunting organization.

#### **Nomination forms**

RAC nomination forms can be downloaded from the Division of Wildlife Resources web site at: [http://wildlife.utah.gov/public\\_meetings/pdf/rac\\_nomination\\_form.pdf](http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/pdf/rac_nomination_form.pdf). The completed form, accompanied by a letter from the sponsoring organization, must be mailed to Staci Coons, Board/RAC coordinator, Division of Wildlife Resources, 1594 West Temple, POB 146301, SLC, UT 84114-6301.

#### **Interview Process**

The candidates who are nominated go through a standardized sifting and interview process before being ranked and submitted to Mike Styler, executive director of the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Styler, in consultation with DWR Director James Karpowitz, makes the final appointment from the top candidates.

#### **Serving on a RAC**

RACs meet about 10 meetings a year to listen to DWR wildlife management proposals. They also take grassroots public input about the proposals. RAC meetings run from two to four hours. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the John Wesley Powell Museum in Green River. A term on the RAC is four years. A representative may serve a maximum of two terms.

#### **RAC process**

After taking public input, the RAC votes on DWR proposals. Their findings and recommendations are forwarded to the seven-member Utah Wildlife Board. The wildlife board makes the final decisions regarding wildlife proposals.

#### **What about expenses?**

RAC members are considered volunteers and are eligible to be reimbursed for mileage, dinner and other costs that result from their attendance at the meetings. Overnight travel is rarely required.